bidding the judicial or executive Officers of the State having any thing to do with the seizure, confinement or trial of a fugitive," — and "denying the use of the jails, penitentiaries, court houses, police officers &c to U. S. Officers attempting to procure the rendition of a fugitive." also any articles upon the punishment of State officers or private citizens for taking any part in the rendition of a fugitive".

Be kind enough to be expeditious in this movement — if possible — get some of the best articles to the Pulpit by Thursday of this week —

Yours truly

Saml J. May

I have let him have days under Spooner's "Defence for Fugitives" — and his "Trial by Jury"

To

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Haste! Haste!!

Syracuse, Feb. 26. 55

Dear Friends.

15 There are petitions before our Legislature, asking for laws, like the Vermont laws, to protect fugitives, and punish would-be Kidnappers.

The petitions were hastily worded, and do not ask for just the provisions we need. But the Special Committee is very favorable — and the Chairman in particular is anxious to get such a law as will effectually prevent the rendition of a fugitive from this State. But he is not well "posted up" on the subject — The time is short — and he has applied to me for materials. I have some of the articles that he needs, but cannot put my hands upon all that I know I possess — and then there are doubtless others that I have not. —

Will you be so kind as to send him — Hon Dudley P. Phelps, member of the Assembly, Albany — the best articles that have appeared upon "giving the fugitives a jury trial" — "securing to them all the benefits of Habeas Corpus" "for-

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